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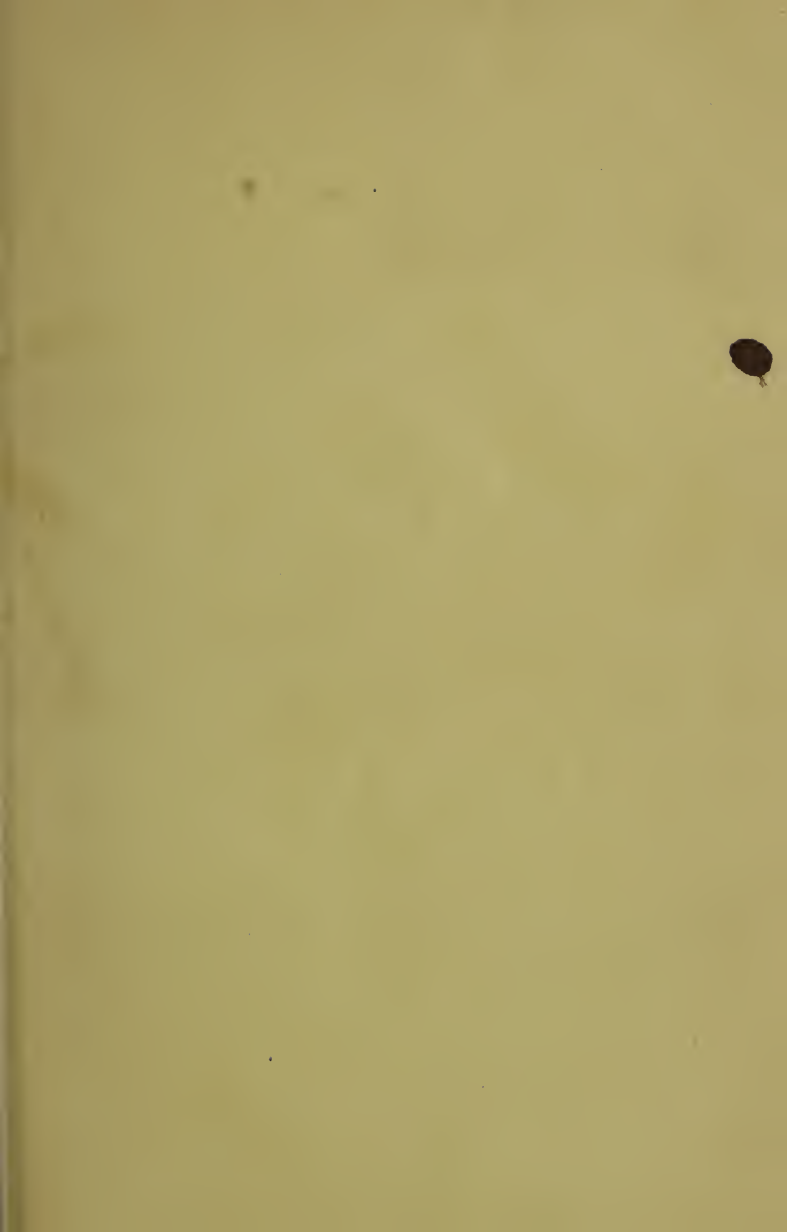
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TURKEY.

THE CONSTANTINOPLE HOME.

LETTER FROM MISS RAPPLEYE.

IN a letter dated July 8, Miss Rappleye gives the following report of our Constantinople Home:—

“With true gratitude to the Preserver of life and health, I am happy to record the fact, that no serious sickness has visited your Home in Constantinople; neither has any difficulty in disciplining its members arisen to mar the peacefulness of its daily routine. Occasional visits have been received from friends in America, and from those interested in the work of training the young in this land. These visits have done much to induce the pupils to be thorough in their studies, and to give them more intelligent views of Christian benevolence.

“The number has not exceeded twenty-five, as we had not

room for more ; but some of the applicants were of a desirable class. We had one from a Turkish family, and several from among the Greeks. The signs are hopeful that such patronage will come to us even before we are ready for it ; and this strengthens our faith in the tottering and speedy downfall of the mighty power of Islamism, that keeps so large a part of the human race in bondage.

“We are now about moving to a larger house in Scutari. I confess that I should have much more enthusiasm in making a change, if we were going to our new and permanent home ; but it seems best to take this intermediate step : hence I can undertake it. The healthier climate and larger accommodations in Scutari are so desirable, that other considerations must yield.

“We do not forget, during the busy days of school-life, that the aim of all our efforts should be to inspire a love and respect for higher spiritual life in the hearts of all over whom we have any influence. This responsibility, if fully realized, would be crushing ; but sustained by your prayers, and the encouragement of so many of God’s dear ones in all parts of our native land, we work hopefully and cheerfully. The daily growth is hardly perceptible ; but, when comparisons are made between periods of time months remote from each other, the result is often very gratifying. Our first pupil — an awkward, cross-eyed, uninteresting child, and even very ill tempered — is now a pet in the school. I saw her mother not long since ; and she was filled with wonder at her daughter’s improvement, especially in disposition. The child said to her one day, ‘Love Jesus ? Of course, I love Jesus ; and I love everybody, because I love Jesus.’

“The first hour in the morning, during which familiar conversation upon the practical duties of Christian life is encouraged, is perhaps the most satisfactory of any in the

week, except the one on sabbath morning, when we all assemble for social prayer. The evidences given then, and at other times, make me hope that many of the pupils, I think I can say a majority, have really begun to have experimental knowledge of the better way."

LETTER FROM MRS. BLISS.

MRS. EDWIN BLISS, for thirty years connected with the mission in Constantinople, now in this country, has kindly sent us a short sketch of the aims and practical workings of the Home. After a brief history of its commencement, she says, —

"For the first year, Miss Rappleye's imperfect knowledge of the language prevented her from accomplishing what she desired; but at the last examination, in July, all were delighted. A larger number of natives were present than on any previous occasion. One pastor was heard saying to another, 'There never was such an examination in Constantinople before;' to which the other replied, 'No: it is wonderful.' Miss Rappleye is indeed remarkably efficient, both in general management and in instruction. She allows nothing done half way; and by example, as well as precept, teaches what is needed more than book knowledge, — a prompt and unhesitating performance of every duty. We feel that the school is accomplishing more than we could have hoped. A missionary lady of some experience was amazed as she visited it, and said she would not have believed it possible that Armenian girls could be trained to such promptness and accuracy.

"The building first occupied would only accommodate twenty-five pupils, and the last year applications have been refused. It was then proposed that a building be erected for the school. A suitable place was found, and terms

agreed upon ; but to arrange the titles, in connection with a government like that of Turkey, would require months at least. A house was therefore rented for the time ; and by our last information Miss Rappleye had taken possession, and was succeeding in arranging it very attractively for her school. The new place is in Scutari, on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus. It is believed to be in one of the most healthful portions of the city ; and the house is located in the midst of the most respectable part of the Armenian population. It is but three doors from the place where they hope eventually to have the school, and will accommodate double the number they have hitherto been able to receive.

“ At present the school is necessarily confined to Armenian girls. Much desire is felt to receive other nationalities, who already apply, especially the Greek ; but such an arrangement would be difficult for want of a common language. The matter is still under consideration ; and it is earnestly hoped that some way will be devised to meet the perplexity. The school differs from others in being a paying school. Every pupil is expected to be paid for by somebody ; but the terms are low, and not now equal to the expense.

“ The common branches of an English education are given to the girls, together with religious instruction, singing, and needle-work. They frequently write letters and compositions in English ; and the handwriting of some of the pupils is remarkable. Particular attention is paid to giving the pupils correct and lady-like manners ; and calisthenic exercises are a new and very attractive feature to those who visit the school.

“ There is hardly time yet to speak of results. One pupil has gone out as a pastor's wife, and is, I understand, filling well her place. None have yet completed the course

of study ; but we are hoping the time is not far distant when some of the older pupils will be prepared to become wives and teachers, reflecting credit upon their instructors, and aiding in the spread of an enlightened Christian womanhood in Turkey."

LETTER FROM REV. DR. SEELYE.

To the foregoing letters we are glad to be allowed to add the testimony of Rev. R. H. Seelye of Haverhill, Mass., who gives us his impressions of the Home and its prospects, as follows : —

"It was my good fortune, in May last, to spend a few days in Constantinople ; and, during that period, I passed a night on the premises purchased as a site for the Home, at Scutari, across the channel from the old city, as Brooklyn is from New York. It comprises about half an acre of ground in the midst of the sixty thousand inhabitants that compose that part of the city ; and I was charmed with the spot. It seemed to me that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to find in that vicinity a more sightly, beautiful, healthful, and convenient location, a property so extensive, so valuable, and at the same time so cheap at the price, as that which your friends had then bargained for. It was evident, that while laboring in spiritual things, and devoting themselves to untiring effort for the upbuilding of a kingdom which is not of this world, our missionary brethren at Constantinople were not wanting in practical business capacity and worldly wisdom.

"It was also my happiness to attend a morning session of the Home school, which was then in the Stamboul quarter of the city, under the charge of Miss Rappleye. I shall not soon forget the delight I experienced in witnessing the exercises of the pupils. After reading the Scriptures in

Armenian and in English, they recited, from memory, different portions, especially of the New Testament; and one of them gave the whole of the eighteenth chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel. Some of them wrote in English, on the blackboard, exhibiting a neat and beautiful chirography, as well as a proficiency in this (to them) foreign language. An exercise in geography interested me exceedingly. The lesson on maps of different quarters of the globe was given them in the form of a game; all that took an active part exhibiting a lively interest to the end, with much and minute knowledge of the subject. When I reflected that this was in the capital of the Turkish empire, — from which a pasha had been sent to Jerusalem, who had expressed his belief that 'the sacred rock under the dome of the mosque of Omar, on Mount Moriah, lies on the top leaves of a palm-tree, from the roots of which spring all the rivers of the earth,' — I could not but feel that these young ladies, drawn as they were from the different nationalities and grades of society, might yet have an important part to perform in the regeneration of Turkey. It is evident that such a training as they are receiving in the truths and duties of religion, in Christian thought, morals, and manners, in Christian ideas of the household, the domestic state and relations, must lead to results both wonderful and blessed in the future of those young women, and in the society of which they are members.

"I understood that the school was but one feature of the work undertaken by the Woman's Board in Turkey, — a work which in its several branches was and is greatly needed, and which no other organization can so well perform. I wish I could impart, especially to those who have the means at their command, my own sense of the importance of the operations of the Woman's Board at Constantinople. I am confident that in that case its treasury

would not long be without the sum needed for the erection of the contemplated building and the energetic prosecution of the work.

"That your society may have means in abundance, and be greatly prospered in its undertakings, is my sincere and earnest prayer."

"REJOICING IN TRIBULATION."

BY MRS. C. R. ALLEN.

IF, as the shades of evening shut out the day, you will, in imagination, go with me to the village of Porchenj, five miles from the city, and enter the humble abode of a poor widow, you will see something to cheer you, and strengthen your faith. The room is varnished with the soot of many years; and the dim light in the centre does but little towards dispelling the darkness that reigns. Here a company of fifty have already gathered. On an elevated place by the side of the fireplace, which consists of a hole dug in the earth, sits a woman of some fifty years. She is supported by hard cushions, and has over her emaciated limbs — a quilt, shall I call it? rather the remains of one. But please mark well her countenance. A holy joy beams from every feature as she takes my hand, and, raising her eyes to heaven, exclaims, "Praise the Lord for his goodness to me! How good he has been to me! I praise him for the special favor of this evening: I cannot understand it, it is wonderful!" There are gatherings for prayer every evening; and it so happens, that, now that the time has come to have one at her house, the missionaries are present.

The meeting begins with a hymn and prayer; and Mr. Allen reads the fourteenth chapter of John. She joins him,

repeating to herself, word for word, to the middle of the chapter; and all through the exercises she seems to be on the mount of transfiguration. The children's favorite hymn says, "There is a happy land, far, far away," which may be true in the abstract; but surely there are times when

"Heaven comes down our souls to meet,
And glory crowns the mercy-seat."

At the close of the meeting she takes Mr. Allen's hand, and, with tearful eyes, thanks him for bringing the gospel to her, and again thanks her Father in heaven for remembering her, a poor, ignorant woman.

This woman has been an invalid for years. The brethren took turns in carrying her on their backs to chapel on the sabbath as long as she was able to go. They remarked to me, that they considered it a privilege to do this, for her presence was a blessing to their souls. The past year she has been confined to the house, patiently waiting for the Master's call. She is extremely poor, being dependent on the charity of the church for her daily bread; but the constant testimony of her lips and life is, that God has been good to her; and now, in her poverty and weakness, she cheers herself with the prospect of what is before her. She longs to behold that Saviour who has redeemed her, but is willing to wait and suffer so long as her heavenly Father wills. Her lamp is trimmed and burning: she only lingers to hear that the "Bridegroom cometh." She cannot read, though she has repeatedly tried to learn; yet she seems familiar with the word of God, repeating from the Gospels and Epistles with the readiness of one who has searched the Scriptures from early youth. A few years since she was in comparative darkness. "How ignorant I was," said she, "till the missionaries came to our village, and preached the

gospel! I did not know I was a sinner, and I might have died in my sins, and been lost; but God in his mercy thought of me, and revealed to me the way to be saved." This seemed to impress her, that God had singled her out, among so many. She was such a "poor, ignorant creature," how was it that he had remembered her?

CHINA.

LETTER FROM MISS PAYSON.

ON our last communion sabbath, the first day of June, my heart was filled with more glad and grateful thoughts than I can express; for on that occasion five of my school-girls were baptized, and publicly consecrated themselves to the Saviour. The sight amply repaid me for the many sad and discouraging days which have come to me in this heathen land; and from my inmost heart I thanked God, and took courage. These five girls are all over thirteen years of age; are quite intelligent, especially so far as Bible truth is concerned; and they are rather attractive in looks and manners. I am also glad to say that there are at present thirty pupils connected with the school, — all the building will accommodate.

One of the graduates, who left three years ago, has been the subject of frequent prayer on the part of some members of the mission, lest she should be compelled to become the wife of a heathen. Her relatives, greedy of gain, have been determined to marry her to the highest bidder, irrespective of his moral character, or fitness as regards age or education. When she entered the school, ten or twelve years ago, these relatives gave a written promise not to betroth her without the approval and consent of the mission-

aries. But they have been quite unmindful of this promise, and would have married her long since to a heathen, could they have found one able and willing to give the required sum, — one hundred and forty dollars. Reports had come to me so many times, that Mi Chio's fate was decided, — that she was immediately to be betrothed to some worthless person, — that I had almost given up expecting any thing better; and my faith in praying for her had grown very weak. Not long ago, however, she became engaged to a Christian, a literary man, in every way worthy of her; and three weeks since she was married to him. If we had chosen the husband ourselves, we could hardly have secured a better one for her. I cannot help seeing God's hand in all this, and feeling that he has graciously answered our prayers. How disinclined we are to wait for God's blessing to come! How impatient are we often if our prayers are not answered at once!

I made a call recently on a blind man, who has, in years past, suffered greatly from inflammatory rheumatism, so that his hands are quite distorted, rendering him incapable of doing any thing for his own support. His feet, also, are somewhat deformed. He usually receives what I have to say in a half-jocose way, and invariably replies, "What I need is cash, not doctrine." He is very poor, but not worse off than his neighbors. He has one brother, who makes tobacco-pipes of bamboo for a living, and earns enough to furnish the blind man with a sufficiency of food and tolerable clothing. During this call, I urged him to pray to the true God, who had great pity for him; then I told him of my sisters in the far-off foreign country, and that I had written to them about him. "I told them," said I, "that you were blind and lame, and did not yet believe in Jesus. I received an answer a few days ago, saying they had prayed for you very often, and asking if you had not begun to love your Saviour. It seems strange to me, that, though people

on the other side of the world care so much about your soul, you are unwilling to pray for yourself. I should be so very glad if I could write to my sisters, and tell them you had done so." His only answer was, "I don't know how to pray." — "But I will teach you," I said. "You need only say a few words; just these, — 'I beg thee, O Lord, to pity me a sinful man.'" — "Oh," he replied, "I cannot remember it." But he made the remark good-naturedly; and, while we were talking to some other people near the door, I heard him say to himself several times, "Write letter, write letter!" as if the fact that any one took sufficient interest in him to write about him had touched his heart. I left him with a half-discouraged feeling; but still I hope some day, if not just now, the words of that little prayer may be the rift in the cloud by which the light of heaven may shine down into his soul.

A Mother's Farewell.

This little poem, written by the mother of a missionary, was sent us as a response to "A Daughter's Longing," in the June number.

Out from my hands, my arms, my sight,
Out from my sheltering care,
But into the tender hands of God,
My darling, I leave thee there.
If in the darkness there were no light,
Revealing the form divine,
I could not, I could not, withdraw my claim :
My daughter would still be mine.
But One I behold with crown of thorns,
And hands where the nails were driven :
His tender, beseeching eye reminds,
My life for them was given.

Under that gaze so mournful, sweet,
I sink, submissive still.
Take, dearest Lord, my life, my all,
And work out thy perfect will.
So, dear delight of heart and home,
Bright, joyous, and loving child,
Remember, that when thy mother gave,
Through blinding tears she smiled.
The ebbing life may the sooner waste,
The trembling heart grow still ;
But rest and blessedness will come
In suffering all God's will.
Come close to me once more, my child,
And receive my last embrace,
While tearfully, yearningly, I gaze
On that dear, beloved face, —
That face that came like light from heaven
To brighten our earthly way,
And brighter, lovelier, dearer still,
Has seemed to us every day.
Out of my anguished heart I cry
To Him, all good, all wise,
“ Dear Lord, accept the gift I bring,
My precious sacrifice.”
And still I hold thee ; flesh is weak,
And heart-pangs rend me sore ;
And I am sorrowing most of all
That thy face I shall see no more.
But go, my darling : upon thy head
I lay my blessing down ;
There it shall rest till both of us
Obtain the heavenly crown.
There *let* it rest, — thy mother's prayers,
Thy mother's hand of love, —
Till, after a while, that mother's hand
Shall beckon thee up above.



Our Work at Home.

THIS number of "Life and Light" closes its first year as a monthly; and we wish to thank our friends for the patronage and encouragement we have received. Its circulation has increased from seven to eleven thousand; and although, with the large expense of the frequent issue, and so small a subscription-price, it cannot be pecuniarily profitable, yet we feel that the cause has been benefited by a more general dissemination of missionary intelligence. The same increase in subscribers another year will place the magazine on a firm footing; and we earnestly hope our friends will assist us in accomplishing this object.

The "Echoes" also have met with much favor with the children; but we wish to have them more generally introduced into sabbath schools. We shall send specimen copies to the superintendents; but, through the multiplicity of the cares of these officers, we fear they may be consigned to the waste-basket, and we wish to ask you, dear reader, to attend to the matter in your own school. If each one considers this request addressed to her neighbor, it is useless to make it. Do it yourself, dear friend, and do not wait for others. It would be better for the superintendent to have a dozen reminders than none at all.

THE RHODE-ISLAND BRANCH.

It is with sincere gratitude and pleasure that we announce to our readers the formation of the fourth branch of the Woman's Board, in Rhode Island. Although there are

but a small number of churches under its jurisdiction, the friends who have labored with untiring zeal for this result were rewarded by its successful organization on the 9th of October last, with the following officers, — Mrs. William J. King, President; Mrs. Constantine Blodgett of Pawtucket and Mrs. Jeremiah Taylor, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. H. W. Wilkinson, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Charlotte E. Leavitt, Recording Secretary; Miss Ellen M. Haskell, Home Secretary; Miss Anna T. White, Treasurer. The headquarters are to be in Providence, where all but one of these ladies resides.

We wish to offer our congratulations to this new branch, and to bid its members a most cordial welcome to the labors, the blessings, and the privileges of work for heathen women. Of their future prosperity we cannot doubt, if we may judge from the earnest spirit exhibited in their first Annual Report, which closes as follows:—

“When each church in our State is represented by earnest, loving hearts, even if only the mites are added which to our heavenly Father were so precious, then, and then only, can we, by united prayer and effort, hope to do all the Master requires of us.”

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM SEPT. 18 TO OCT. 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.			
Ellsworth. — Prayer-Circle, aux., Miss L. L. Phelps, Treasurer, \$6.95; “Cup-Bearers,” .50; “Young Reapers,” \$1.05.	\$8 50	South Bridgton. — Mary F. Farnham, Union. — “Little Workers,”	\$5 00 1 00
Rockland. — Aux., to constitute L. M.’s Mrs. Abbie Fessenden and Mrs. Ruth Litchfield,	50 00	Total,	\$64 50
		C. Home Building-Fund. Gorham — Aux., \$1.00; “Mission-Workers,” proceeds of fair, \$66,	\$67 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

<i>Francistown.</i> —Aux., Mrs. E. Donald, Treasurer,	\$6 00
<i>Keene.</i> —Arthur D. Osborne's missionary hen,	5 00
<i>Kingston.</i> —Aux.,	10 00

Total \$21 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Salisbury.</i> —A. S. Corser,	\$1 10
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VERMONT.

<i>Vermont Branch.</i> —Mrs. George H. Fox, Treasurer; North Bennington, Aux., Miss Sophia Park, Treasurer, \$46; Greenborough, Aux., Mrs. J. A. Goss, Treasurer, \$11; North Craftsbury, Aux., Mrs. E. P. Wild, Treasurer, \$15.	\$72 00
<i>St. Alban's.</i> —First Cong. Ch. Aux., Mrs. C. F. Safford, Treasurer,	6 00

Total, \$78 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Vermont Branch.</i> —Brattleboro', Aux.,	\$50 00
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MASSACHUSETTS.

<i>Boston.</i> —Berkeley-street Ch., family missionary concert, \$9; Miss Catherine L. Bates, additional towards support of pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, \$7; Mt. Vernon Ch., Edith A. Brown's sale, \$13.50; Shawmut Ch., "L." \$50,	\$79 50
<i>Brookfield.</i> —Mrs. A. C. Blanchard, to constitute L. M. Mrs. M. L. Coit, Salem, Mass.,	25 00
<i>Chelsea.</i> —Chestnut-street Ch., aux.,	25 25
<i>Clinton.</i> —Aux.,	55
<i>Everett.</i> —Mrs. Benjamin Odlin,	10 00
<i>Granville.</i> —Aux., Miss Kate E. Lee, Treasurer, of which \$30 for the support of Balu native teacher in Ahmednugur; \$30 for Miss Fairbanks's school; \$25 to constitute L. M. Miss Sarah F. Barchelder,	85 00
<i>Granby.</i> —Aux., of which \$75 to constitute L. M.'s Mrs. Alvin Terry, Mrs. Samuel B. Dickinson, Mrs. George N. H. Smith,	80 45
<i>Holliston.</i> —Aux., Mrs. F. F. Fisk, Treasurer, towards support of pupil in Miss Seymour's school, Harpoot,	25 00

<i>Ipswich.</i> —First Ch. Mission-Circle,	\$15 00
<i>Leverett.</i> —Church and Society,	1 00
<i>Lowell.</i> —Aux., to constitute L. M. Mrs. Owen Street,	25 00
<i>Medway, West.</i> —"B. E. M."	10 00
<i>Monson.</i> —Aux., of which \$25 from Mrs. Andrew Porter to constitute L. M. Mrs. Lucy L. Sigourney of Oxford, Mass.	74 00
<i>Newburyport.</i> —Aux., Mrs. H. A. Ingraham, Treasurer, towards Mrs. Tomson's salary,	200 00
<i>Newton, West.</i> —Aux.,	3 50
<i>Northboro'.</i> —Evangel. Cong. Society, a Friend,	2 00
<i>Norton.</i> —Trin. Cong Ch. Mrs. E. B. Wheaton,	50 00
<i>Norton.</i> —Mrs. C. C. Metcalf, to constitute L. M. Miss Ann E. Carter,	25 00
<i>Reading.</i> —"Reading Rill." proceeds of fair for support of teacher in the Constantinople Home,	182 00

Total, \$918 25

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Cambridge</i> —Shepard Church, a Friend,	\$1 00
<i>Malden.</i> —S. S. of Trin. Cong. Ch.,	25 00
<i>Watertown.</i> —Aux., Miss C. A. Green, Treasurer,	25 00

RHODE ISLAND.

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Providence.</i> —Aux., Miss Anna T. White, Treasurer; Charles-street Ch., \$20; a Friend, \$1,	\$21 00
<i>Peacedale.</i> —Sabbath School,	33 74

CONNECTICUT.

<i>Andover.</i> —Mrs. J. C. White.	\$3 00
<i>Griswold.</i> —Ladies of 1st Cong. Ch.,	10 00
<i>New Haven Branch.</i> —Miss H. W. Hubbard, Treasurer; Bridgeport, Aux., Mrs. Edw. Sterling, Treasurer, towards Miss Andrews's salary, \$115; East Haddam, Aux., Mrs. Amasa Day, Treasurer, of which \$25 from a Friend, to constitute L. M. Mrs. Emily E. McCall, 31.10; East Hampton, by Mrs. B. A. Smith, \$10; East Haven, Aux., "Little Workers," Mrs. H. C. Hurd, Treasurer, for support of pupil in Mrs. Chandler's school, \$40; Litchfield, Aux., Mrs. H. B. Elliot, Treasurer,	

\$33.20; Middle Haddam, Aux., Mrs. E. P. Herrick, Treasurer, \$10; New Haven, College-street Ch., Aux., "Cheerful Workers," Miss M. Bryan, Treasurer, to support pupil in Mrs. Chandler's school, \$30; Howard-avenue Ch., Aux., Mrs. E. S. Minor, Treasurer, a Friend, \$2; New Preston, Aux., Miss Ellen M. Averill, Treasurer, towards support of pupil in Mrs. Chandler's school, \$27.95; North Branford, Aux., Miss H. W. Bunnell, Treasurer, \$7; Oxford, Aux., \$25; Plymouth, Aux., Mrs. Horace Fenn, Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Bull, to constitute L. M. Miss Eliza Bull, and for Miss Talcott, Japan, \$25; South Britain, Mrs. C. B. Downs, to constitute L. M. Mrs. J. Stanley Wakelee of New Haven, and towards support of pupil in Mrs. Chandler's school, \$25; Washington, Aux., Mrs. Lucy E. Colton, Treasurer, of which \$10 towards constituting L. M. Mrs. J. C. Calhoun, \$17; Watertown, Aux. Mrs. W. S. Munger, Treasurer, \$10; Windsor, Mrs. Henry Barber, to constitute L. M. Miss C. L. Barber, and towards support of pupil in Mrs. Chandler's school, \$25; Woodbury, Aux., Mrs. John T. Ward, Treasurer, towards support of pupil in Miss Clarke's school, Manissa, \$18,	\$451 25
<i>Norwich.</i> —Second Cong. Ch., Mrs. George D. Coit, Treasurer, of which \$50 from Mrs. Gen. Williams to constitute L. M.'s Mrs. Martha P. Foster and Mrs. E. W. Farnsworth,	160 10
Total,	\$624 35

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>New Haven Branch.</i>	
<i>Fair Haven.</i> —First Ch., Aux., "Lilies of the Valley," Miss Fannie Rice, Treasurer,	\$50 00
<i>Milford.</i> —Mrs. Sarah P. Benjamin,	10 00
Total,	\$60 00

NEW YORK.

<i>Buffalo.</i> —Mrs. R. W. Bancroft, to constitute L. M. Miss M. P. Ames, Springfield, Vt.,	\$25 00
<i>Saratoga Springs.</i> —Aux.,	22 00
Total,	\$47 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>New York City.</i> —Mrs. John Slade,	\$25 00
<i>Flushing, L. I.</i> —Aux., Miss P. G. Quimby, Treasurer,	5 00

OHIO.

<i>Windham.</i> —Young Ladies' Mission Band, Mrs. W. A. Higby, Treasurer, towards salary of Miss Sarah A. Closson,	\$68 00
Total,	\$68 00

WISCONSIN.

<i>Racine.</i> —Mrs. Chas. E. Jewett,	\$25 00
Total,	\$25 00

MINNESOTA.

<i>Minneapolis.</i> —A Friend,	.50
Total,	.50

CANADA.

<i>Montreal.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Winks, Treasurer,	\$388 94
Total,	\$388 94

TURKEY.

<i>Bitlis.</i> —Misses Ely for Bitlis girls' school, and to constitute L. M. Miss Alzina M. Knapp,	\$25 00
Total,	\$25 00

Subscriptions,	\$2,260 54
C. Home Building-Fund,	313 84
"Life and Light,"	185 84
"Echoes,"	11 20
Weekly Pledge,	12 46

Total, \$2,783 88



TURKEY.

WOMAN'S WORK IN MARASH.

· [Mrs. Coffing's Report, 1872-73.]

. . . At Jerebakan, Eve Avakiyan has taught a small mixed school and eight women; also working faithfully from house to house.

In Hadjin the Bible-reader has given lessons to twenty-five women, visiting at least twenty of them daily; and the girls' school has averaged twenty-five for six months, some of the girls being quite large. Both these workers have had their strength taxed to the utmost, reading and explaining the Scriptures to real, serious inquirers; while the women who regularly attend the chapel services have increased from eight to twenty-nine since last July; and our last letter from there gives us the hope that some of them have passed from death to life.

In October, 1872, we sent one of our high-school graduates to Albustan. When she had been there a month, the pastor wrote that she had over thirty girls and fifty women. We at once wrote that she must drop the women, as no human being could do justice to so many. The school has kept its numbers; and though we cannot speak from personal observation, as we do of the other places, all our reports have been most favorable.

At Zeitoon, a graduate of the middle school teaches a mixed school of fifty-five scholars; some of the boys being

larger than herself. But she retains perfect control of them, and has them all well classified. Not more than twenty of these are the children of Protestant families; yet thirty of them attend the sabbath school, and Miss Williams says she has succeeded in teaching them to sing better than any native she has seen.

The Bible-reader has seventeen regular scholars. These she visits in their homes four days in the week. On Wednesday they all come to her; and, having read their lessons, they have a general exercise in reading, figures, and singing, after which they have a Bible-lesson (Old Testament) and a prayer-meeting. Most of the seventeen have either finished the primer, or are now reviewing it. When a woman has reviewed the primer, her husband gives her a hymn-book.

The teacher, on entering a house, asks, "Have you prepared your lesson?" If the answer is a negative one, she replies, "Then I have no work here," and, turning, goes on to the next house. In these visits she finds opportunity to read to ten or twelve other women almost every day. Sabbath morning, in the chapel, she gives them a lesson from the catechism; at noon she meets them in a private house, going to a different one every sabbath, and thus reaching many who would not come to the chapel. The sabbath we were there, twenty-six were present at this meeting. The lessons are from the New Testament. In the afternoon all again attend the preaching at the chapel. The women who regularly attend now number twelve, some of whom give good evidence that they love Jesus. The success of these girls in the out-stations more than meets our highest expectations. . . . To raise up more such workers is our chief work. In many of our out-stations they are our only hope; for we, not having Armenian, and the women understanding no Turkish, can do little for them directly. We feel, how

ever, that we ought not only to go and start them in the work, but ought to visit them once or more during the year. They are too young and inexperienced to be left for nine months or a year without oversight. We shall therefore need to spend a larger sum in touring than we have spent hitherto.

In the city of Marash ten females teachers have been employed, the people paying eight of them; and the school committee also promises to assume the salary of one teacher in the high school, from Jan. 1, 1874.

Home Department.

MEETING AT MINNEAPOLIS.

THE fifth public meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, in connection with the Annual Meeting of the A. B. C. F. M., was held at the Centenary Church, Thursday morning, Sept. 25, 1873, Mrs. Moses Smith of Chicago, presiding.

The meeting was opened by singing, —

“ Kindred in Christ, for his dear sake
A hearty welcome here receive,” —

followed by the reading of part of the seventeenth chapter of John. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Bowker, President of the Woman's Board of Missions, who also gave the opening address. She presented the salutations of the Boston Board, and expressed their sympathy in the common cause; and then gave a concise review of the formation of the various women's foreign missionary societies throughout the land. The inquiry often made, “What need of woman's

boards?" was satisfactorily answered; and it was stated that, as heathen women are now accessible, the condition of the unevangelized world demands them; the Church, Christian women (the children of the Church), need them; and the great Head of the Church has inaugurated them. An interesting account of the work that has been accomplished by them, both in the home and foreign departments, was given, showing great success in each, which was attributed to the divine blessing. In closing, Christian women were earnestly urged to consecrate themselves anew to this cause, and to unite in strenuous efforts to secure an auxiliary in every church; then will these "Women's Boards" prosper gloriously in the work whereto they were called.

After singing, "Come, Holy Spirit, come," the audience listened to Mrs. S. C. Bartlett of Glencoe, Ill., former president of the W. B. M. I. She gave interesting statistics of the work being done by this Board. She said, that, two years ago, the Board resolved to raise fourteen thousand dollars; but they did not work hard, and at their annual meeting at Rockford, last fall, found they fell short of that sum. At that meeting they passed no resolution to *try*, but pledged themselves to raise fifteen thousand dollars this year. The year would close in November, and they lack four thousand dollars; but the harvest-time is not ended. And she closed with an appeal to all who had not done all they could, to come up to their help, and redeem the pledge.

A letter was then read from Miss Chapin of North China, giving an account of the baptism of a little girl, and urging the young women of this land to consecrate themselves to the work of missions.

Mrs. Capron of the Madura Mission gave an intensely interesting account of her labors. She said she had no "success" to report; but, after she had finished, some of

her auditors felt, that, if this was not success, the word had higher meaning for her than for them, especially after her touching story of the poor pariah girl, who entered her school to the great disgust of the old scholars of higher caste, but who left it at length to become a power among the women of the city, among whom she organized a prayer-meeting, which she still leads.

Mrs. Washburne of the Madura Mission gave in a few words some items of great interest, as showing the superstition of the Mohammedans. They had at one time a flourishing school, composed largely of such; but on re-opening the school, after the Christmas festival, none of these were present. On inquiry, they found that it had been reported that the missionaries put something into the Christmas-cakes to make them all Christians; and it was months before the idea could be removed, and the pupils allowed to return.

Mrs. Walker of the Gaboon Mission, Africa, spoke of the difference in the work of this mission from that of others. When they began their labors, there was no written language. They still have no literature nor science: but the African has now the light of intellect in his eye; while their audiences, at first meagre and scarcely clothed, are now large, appropriately "clothed, and in their right minds."

Mrs. Robbins of Zulu Land felt like exclaiming, "All hail the power of Jesus' name!" She ascribed the wonderful change among that people of Africa, not to missionary-labor, but solely to the wonderful power of that "name above every name." She said, that, when her little daughter died, the natives, who had been fond of the child, did not come to the funeral; and she wondered why. But the day following they came, two by two, and sat in the yard in silence for a little time; then left, and others took their

places. It was their customary way of expressing sympathy, and reminds one of the friends of Job.

Mrs. Thomas Riggs, who has just joined the Dacotah Mission, not yet counting herself worthy to be called a missionary, spoke of her joy at being sent forth, and asked for some one to join her in the labor and reward. Mrs. Capron instantly rose, and, coming forward, said, that, if she was not pledged to India, she would gladly go, and be a mother to her.

Miss Anderson of Michigan, under appointment to Mexico, spoke of happiness in accepting her work, did not count herself a martyr in any sense, and begged the prayers of those present, who were equally responsible with her for her success.

Wolcott's hymn, "Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring," was then sung; and Mrs. Rhea of Persia was introduced. She spoke with her wonted enthusiasm of Persia's connection with Bible history, its natural beauty, its fearful famine. In that famine the Lord came. American money bought bread for Persia: American missionaries distributed it, telling the poor people first, midst, and last, of the Bread of life. The famine was the wedge to the Persian empire.

The closing prayer was offered by Mrs. Prof. Bartlett; and the Doxology closed a meeting of deep and lasting interest.

In the absence of the recording secretary of the W. B. M. I., on account of her illness, we are indebted for the report from which the above notice is taken, to Miss Emily J. Gray of Minneapolis, who was appointed secretary for the day.

Miss Lizzie Bishop of Northfield, Minn., responded to the call of Mrs. Riggs at Minneapolis, and has gone with her to Fort Sully to be an assistant teacher among the Dacotah Indians.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE INTERIOR.

FROM SEPT. 15 TO OCT. 15, 1873.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.

<i>Atwater.</i> —Aux., Mrs. A. E. Hutchinson, Treasurer,	\$8 00
<i>Belpré.</i> —S. S. Missionary Society,	40 00
<i>Cleveland Heights.</i> —Missionary Society for school at Marash, Mrs. W. H. Warren, Secretary,	20 00
<i>Elyria.</i> —Aux., \$75 for salary of Miss Maltbie; \$40 from S. S. for pupil in Miss Maltbie's school.	115 00
<i>Kent.</i> —Aux., Mrs. M. A. Bell, Treasurer,	15 00
<i>Lafayette.</i> —Aux., for work at Samokov, Mrs. E. J. Phinney, Treasurer,	7 50
<i>Madison.</i> —Aux., to constitute Mrs. M. M. Laird a L. M., Mrs. H. E. Hendry, Treasurer,	25 31
<i>Oberlin.</i> —Aux., for salary of Mrs. Mumford, and to constitute Mrs. Henry Vreits a L. M., Mrs. E. E. Peck, Treasurer,	35 00
Total,	\$265 81

MICHIGAN.

<i>East Saginaw.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Corinna Shattuck of Aintab,	\$93 00
<i>Grand Rapids.</i> —Aux., for salary of Bible-reader in Nicomedia, Mrs. J. B. Willson, Treasurer,	26 52
<i>Kalamazoo.</i> —Aux., for school at Marash, Mrs. L. Cahill, Secretary,	38 00
<i>Owosso.</i> —Aux., to complete the support of school at Talas for 1872,	26 26
<i>S. Boston.</i> —Aux., Mrs. S. McKinney, Treasurer,	8 00
<i>Vermontville.</i> —Aux., for a printing-press for Mr. Watkins, missionary at Gaudalajara, Mrs. H. G. Barbour,	36 17
Total,	\$229 95

INDIANA.

Michigan City.—Aux., for pupil in Samokov, and to consti-

tute Mrs. Hannah A. Messenger L. M.,	\$26 00
<i>Portland.</i> —Aux., Mrs. A. L. Gipe, Treasurer,	30 00
Total,	\$56 00

ILLINOIS.

<i>Blue Island.</i> —Aux.,	\$12 89
<i>Canton.</i> —Aux., Mrs. C. J. Graham, Treasurer,	30 00
<i>Chicago.</i> —Union Park Ch., Aux., for support of Miss Rendall. \$51.95; 47th St. Ch., Aux., to constitute with other contributions, Mrs. L. Moody a L. M., \$10; Plymouth Ch., Aux., \$29.75; Tabernacle Ch. "Faithful Band," \$2; 1st Ch., Aux., for Miss Patrick's salary, \$5; from Mrs. Boyington, completes the life-membership of Miss Lottie Boyington, \$99,	197 70
<i>Champaign.</i> —Aux., for the Samokov school, Mrs. P. W. Plank, Treasurer,	10 00
<i>Chesterfield.</i> —Aux., Miss L. M. Lawson, Treasurer,	9 50
<i>Geneseo.</i> —Aux., \$9.25; "Missionary Rill," for pupil in Mrs. Coffing's school, \$7 70,	16 95
<i>Galesburg.</i> —Aux., Mrs. H. S. Hurd,	55 58
<i>Jacksonville.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, Mrs. M. E. Woodard, Treasurer,	50 00
<i>Jefferson.</i> —Aux., \$3.44; "Will-ing Workers," \$2.50,	5 94
<i>Mendota.</i> —Aux., Miss W. Blakeslee, Treasurer,	10 00
<i>Payson.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Ellen Thompson, Treasurer,	14 15
<i>Princeton.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Converse, Treasurer,	11 50
<i>Rockford.</i> —Aux., for pupil in Bridgman school, Mrs. Harding, Treasurer. \$40; seminary teachers and pupils, \$44; for pupil at Samokov, \$40; for pupil in Bridgman school, 125.50,	249 50
<i>Roseville.</i> —Aux., for pupil in Samokov, Mrs. J. A. Gordon, Treasurer,	8 75

<i>Wheaton.</i> —Aux., Mrs. J. M. Chapman, Treasurer,	\$6 00
Total,	\$599 56

WISCONSIN.

<i>Gay's Mills.</i> —S. S., by Mrs. T. W. Gay,	\$6 33
<i>Geneva Lake.</i> —Aux., for salary of Anka of Samokov school,	20 00
<i>Milwaukee.</i> —Spring-street Ch., Aux., for Marika Geuchova's support, Mrs. I. H. Booth, Treasurer,	17 00
<i>Ripon.</i> —Aux., to constitute Mrs. Julia Phelps a L. M.,	25 00
<i>Waukesha.</i> —Aux., with previous contributions to constitute Mrs. Vernon Tichenor a L. M.,	20 00
<i>Whitewater.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Taylor, \$15; Willing Workers, .75,	15 75
Total,	\$104 08

IOWA.

<i>Belle Plaine.</i> —Aux., Mrs. E. J. Lane, Treasurer,	\$10 00
<i>Clinton.</i> —First Congregational Ch., Aux., Mrs. E. D. Woodworth, Treasurer,	20 00
<i>Des Moines.</i> —Plymouth Ch., Aux., for Miss Hillis's salary, Mrs. M. R. Miles, Treasurer,	45 00
<i>Denmark.</i> —Aux., \$28; to constitute Mrs. Philip James a L. M., \$15.50 from the children's society, Miss Brackett, Treasurer,	43 50
<i>Garner.</i> —Mrs. E. R. Wells,	5 00
<i>Green Mountain.</i> —Aux., Mrs. N. S. Chase, Treasurer,	12 00
<i>Grinnell.</i> —Aux., for Miss Hillis's salary, Mrs. E. S. Schuyler, Treasurer,	65 00
<i>Independence.</i> —Aux., Mrs. M. A. Ross, Treasurer,	12 25
<i>Lyons.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Day, Mrs. D. S. Balch, Treasurer,	40 00
<i>Monticello.</i> —Aux., Mrs. J. R. Stillman, Treasurer,	13 65
<i>Ocheydam, Osceola Co.</i> —Union S. S., Emma M. Boyd, Treasurer,	.80
<i>Oscalosa.</i> —Aux., to constitute Mrs. Kate A. Trask a L. M.,	25 00
<i>Polk City.</i> —Aux., Mrs. C. C. Rogers, Treasurer,	5 00
<i>Sibley.</i> —Aux., \$1; a wedding-fee, \$2; children's box, \$1.64,	7 64
<i>Staceyville.</i> —Aux., \$25 of which constitutes Mrs. Charles Han-	

EVANSTON, Oct. 15, 1873.

cock a L. M., Mrs. F. A. Guernsey, Treasurer,	\$40 00
<i>Witttemberg.</i> —Aux., with previous contributions to constitute Mrs. Jane R. Pogue a L. M., Mrs. D. Hanger, Treasurer,	10 05
Total,	\$354 89

MINNESOTA.

<i>Claremont.</i> —Mrs. Dodge and children,	\$4 00
<i>Minneapolis.</i> —Plymouth Ch., Aux., Mrs. E. H. Allison, Secretary,	83 00
<i>Wasioja.</i> —To constitute Mary Alice Pardee and Lizzie Emma Alden L. M.'s, by their grandmother,	50 00
<i>Winona.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Van Duzee, Miss Hatch, Treasurer,	75 00
Total,	\$212 00

MISSOURI.

<i>St. Louis.</i> —Woman's Board of Missions for Missouri, for the second year's salary of Mrs. Ada Claghorn Walker of China, Mrs. N. R. Collins, Secretary,	\$250 00
Total,	\$250 00

KANSAS.

<i>Cawker City.</i> —Aux., Mrs. H. H. Barr, Treasurer,	\$1 50
Total,	\$1 50

MAINE.

<i>Andover.</i> —Cong. Ch., for salary of Miss Hillis, by James L. Hill,	\$13 68
Total,	\$13 68

CONNECTICUT.

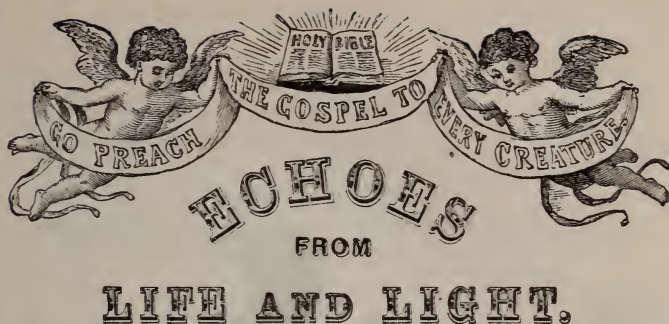
<i>East Hampton.</i> —"Earnest Mission Helpers." for a pupil in the Bridgman school,	\$5 50
Total,	\$5 50

NEW YORK.

<i>Angola.</i> —For the salary of Mrs. Ada Claghorn Walker, of Fochow, by Mrs. G. W. Vining,	\$7 00
Total,	\$7 00

CALIFORNIA.

<i>Santa Barbara.</i> —Aux., to constitute Mrs. Charles E. Huse a L. M., by Mrs. J. W. Hough,	\$25 00
Total,	\$2,124 97



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THE MORNING PRAYER TO A MUD GOD.

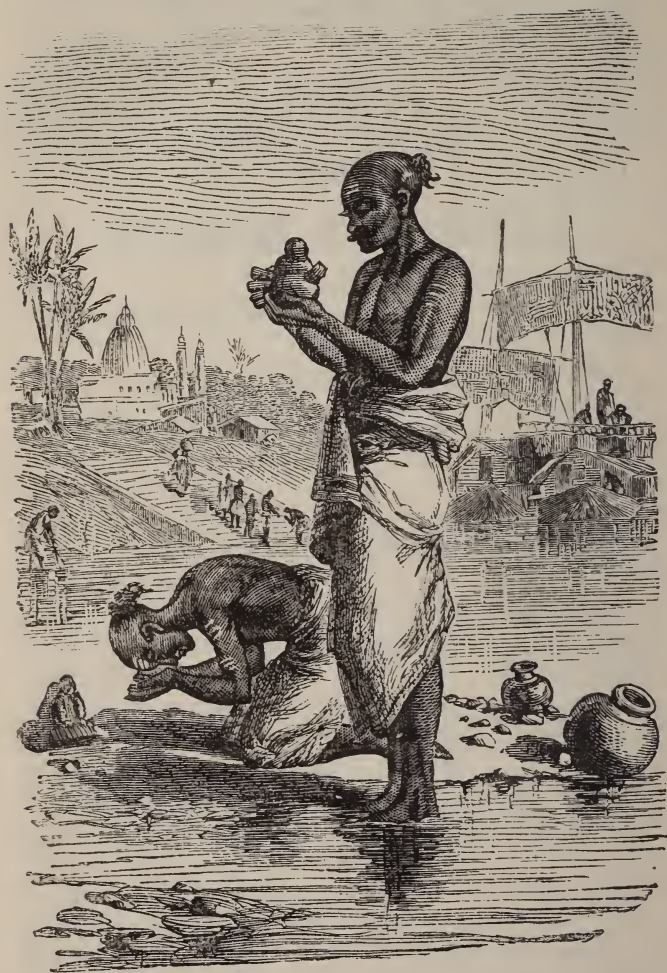
BY MRS. CAPRON.



WE are in India, and taking a walk in early morning. We are come to the bank of the river. Everybody else seems to be there also. Women are filling their vessels of shining brass or red earth with water, and, stopping perhaps for a little gossip, raise them to the tops of their heads, and walk away to their houses. The washermen are come with their great bundles of clothes, and we hear the splash as they beat them upon the smooth, flat stones. Here and there a morning bath is going on; and not in all the long, hot day to come will there be such a busy time as now.

But here are some men * who are worshipping idols; and we may go near enough to hear and look on. These two men are worshippers of the God Siva. We know this by the three marks that we see on the forehead and arms.

* See picture on the following page.



They, however, mumble so rapidly all that they say, that we could not distinctly understand them, did we not know that all these men say the same thing every single time. Let us watch one of them. He takes some water from the ground, and mumbles, —

“Reverence to thee, Siva! I take this lump of clay.”

Shaping it in his hands, he addresses the image, —

“Siva, I make thy image. O god! enter into this image; take life within it. Constant reverence to thee, whose form is radiant as a mountain of silver, lovely as the crescent of the moon, resplendent with jewels. Approach, rest and tarry here.”

The image being now formed, he places it on the ground, and presents water to it. He has also other offerings, which we see him spread before it. Then kneeling, and folding his hands, he prays, —

“I offer thee water from the Ganges to wash thy feet. Praise to thee, Siva. I bring thee water to wash thy hands. Smell this sandal-wood. Take these flowers and leaves. Accept the incense and flame. Consume this offering of mine.”

Now he offers flowers all around the image, beginning at the east. As an act of merit, he repeats the name of Siva as often as he can, keeping account on his fingers. Now he bows, folds his hands, strikes his cheeks, and finally we see him gather together all the flowers, and throw them into the water.

He takes the image in his hands, and prays it to bless him for the day; and then he throws it away. If we go to find it, we find the soft mud crumbled in pieces.

He has finished his morning prayer; and, filling his vessel with water, he walks away to his house, satisfied, and even proud of his faithful devotions.

And we, as we turn thoughtfully away, — shall we not remember the words of the Lord Jesus? —

"But, when ye pray, use not vain repetitions as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them."



TRAVELLING IN CEYLON.

BY REV. J. C. SMITH.

THIS picture represents a kind of carriage, somewhat similar to those used in Madras and Madura, drawn by an ox or by a pair of oxen. Passengers sit on a mat or rug on the bottom of the vehicle: the driver sits on the tongue in front, near the oxen, and often urges them on by pulling their tails. A more common and convenient style of carriage for travelling in Ceylon is much like an ox-cart in this country. When it is used by the missionaries on their tours, they put straw in the bottom for springs, and a

mattress upon the straw ; thus fitting up a sleeping-place, sitting-room, and parlor. Sometimes it answers for a pulpit, from which they preach to those who gather round them by the way.

In 1862 I travelled a hundred miles on the road from Jaffna to Kondy in company with another missionary. We had each an ox-cart of the kind described, and an extra one to carry provisions and baggage. There being no hotels on the road, it was necessary to carry not only our food and bedding, but also kitchen-utensils, and crockery for the table, as we do not adopt the native custom of eating with our fingers from a leaf. We preferred sleeping in our own apartments to any we found on the way. Our cooking arrangements and dining-place were extemporized in the shade of large trees ; while for tables and seats our boxes were our only resort. If any of the children are envious of the missionary who can thus travel in a foreign country, let them go some day, and try it for themselves.

BRINGING RAIN.

BY MISS CLOSSON.

SHALL I tell you how troubled we have all been in Talas, fearing there might be great suffering among the poor? In the winter we had very little snow, and this spring almost no rain ; so that there is no prospect of raising any wheat. There has been quite a panic ; and the people have been trying all sorts of ways to bring rain.

A short time ago a boy went through the streets with a sieve on his head ; and all the people went out with buckets of water, which they poured through it : as that had no effect, they went about, and collected seventy small stones,

wrote something on them, and threw them into the water: still no rain. They burned seven insects, and afterward some snakes; but all in vain. A Mussulman took the bones of a buffalo, and, after writing on them, burned them on a mountain. Some Greeks went up on a mountain near here, and fasted and prayed; and then the Greeks and Armenians did the same thing together, hoping there might be one good man among them whose prayer would be answered; but they were disappointed. Finally they said, that if the Protestants would go with them, and if their prayers were heard, they would believe them to be in the right way, and would join them. Some said that our being here was the reason of the drought.

There was a very strong south wind, and every thing was dying. The leaves of the trees turned yellow; and those who had wheat and flour asked such a price for it, that the government forbade its being sold. There really was great suffering. Everybody asked us to pray, saying that our prayers would be answered. Last week the rains began. Although just in this region the wheat is all spoiled, there will be enough raised in other parts of the country to supply the wants of the people.

It has made us very sad to see what ideas the people had of God, and to see the spirit of those who had the flour in their possession. They were just as anxious not to have rain as the others were for it. One man made a cradle of dough; and, every time the wind and clouds came up, he had his wife put it in the window, and rock it, to scatter the clouds. Another dug up a skull, and threw it in the water. Thank God every day of your lives, dear children, that you were not born in Turkey. You cannot be too grateful for all he has done for you. Pray for the women and children here; and pray for me, that I may be more earnest and faithful in working for them.

KILLING EACH OTHER.

BY MISS BAKER.

IN our school at Mardin, Turkey, are some very queer little girls. As the Arabic has it, they "kill" each other a great deal, meaning they quarrel. They said, "At the other school the teacher used to kill us when we acted so; but here we know you won't kill us, and we do worse." Then we told them that the next time we heard of their killing each other, those who had any part in it could not come to school for a week. At this they opened their eyes very wide, and we have heard no complaints since.

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.*

MAINE. — *Ellsworth*. — "Cup-Bearers," .50; "Young Reapers," \$1.05.

Union. — "Little Workers," \$1.00.

Gorham. — "Mission-Workers," \$66.00.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. — *Keene*. — Arthur D. Osborne's missionary hen. \$5.00.

MASSACHUSETTS. — *Reading*. — "Reading Rill," \$182.00.

CONNECTICUT. — *East Haven*. — "Little Workers," \$40.00.

New Haven. — College-street Church, "Cheerful Workers," \$30.00.

Fair Haven. — "Lilies of the Valley," \$50.00.

OHIO. — *Elyria*. — Sabbath school, \$40.00.

Belpré. — Sabbath-school Missionary Society, \$40.00.

Lodi. — Young Women's Missionary Society, \$14.00.

ILLINOIS. — *Chicago*. — Tabernacle Church, "Faithful Band," \$2.00.

Geneseo. — "Missionary Rill," \$7.70.

Jefferson. — "Willing Workers," \$2.50.

Rockford. — Sabbath school, \$40.00.

WISCONSIN. — *Fond du Lac*. — "Willing Helpers," \$7.00.

Gay's Mills. — Sabbath school, \$6.33.

* A donation of \$5.00 from the "Little Helpers," in Springfield, Mass., should have been acknowledged in the October number.

IOWA. — *Denmark*. — "Children's Society," \$15.50.

Sibley. — "Children's Box," \$4.64.

Ocheydam, Osceola County. — Union Sabbath school, .80.

CONNECTICUT. — *East Hampton*. — "Earnest Mission Helpers," \$5.50.

Busy Hands.

BUSY hands, with hearts awake,
Something do for Jesus' sake.
Work for Jesus, here and there,
Crowds our pathway everywhere;
Deeds of kindness to be done,
With loving words for every one.

In our work and in our play
Jesus sees us every day;
Watches every action true;
Sees the motive through and through,
Watches like no other friend,
Ever near us to the end.

Let us return his loving thought;
Think of Jesus as we ought;
Do for his sake what we know
Will please the blessed Saviour so;
And in study, work, or play,
We may serve him every day.

ANSWER TO ACROSTIC.

"Life and Light."

We have received correct answers to the acrostic in the October number from L. L., Hartford, Conn.; E. R. T., Bedford, N. H.; L. A. L., Spencer, Mass.; N. B. H., Winchester, Mass.; M. J. W., Holliston, Mass.; and A. E. N., West Pittsfield, Mass.

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